



Violette Family Association

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NEWSLETTER

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GET OUT YOUR REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS!

The colorful cover for this newsletter also serves as a refrigerator poster reminder of the upcoming Reunion in Lewiston. OK, OK, I know I messed up the dates in the last newsletter - in fact, I couldn't even find a *remotely* close calendar that had those dates on a weekend. The real dates are **Friday, August 6th, through Sunday, August 8th**. Now, did I get them right **THIS** time?

REUNION PREREGISTRATION TIME IS HERE

The form enclosed is to be used for preregistering for the Reunion. Preregistration is necessary so we can get a good count to plan for meals and other activities. There will also be registration at the Reunion itself, late Friday afternoon and Friday evening, and Saturday all day.

Please let us know if you will be coming, even if you don't pay until you get there. We need a good head count for planning.



For those who are preregistered, check-in will be much easier because we will have your registration package all ready for you. Those who register at the door will have to give us time to get it ready at that time.

A SUPER-WHAZOO PICNIC

This Reunion has a special activity planned for Saturday during the day - a real, honest-to-goodness family picnic! Complete with cookout, fun, kids games, and a superb entertainer. Join us from 11:00 AM to about 3:00 PM for these festivities. We are trying this to encourage families with kids to bring them if they want, so the kids can share in the fun and learn about the family history.

We will have a large tent to provide protection from the sun and from the rain (it wouldn't dare). There will be tables and chairs in the tent. Folks can gather and visit in comfort while the kids (of all ages) play. If you have your own special lawn chair you enjoy, why not bring it along?

AND THE BANQUET, OF COURSE

Saturday evening we will have our traditional banquet, with dinner, meeting, fun, entertainment, and dancing after.

Many door prizes will be awarded - these are all items donated by various members for that purpose. The preregistration form has a place for you to indicate any item you want to donate. Many very beautiful crafted items have been given away at each Reunion, and many look forward to this event.

We will also have a short business meeting at the banquet. At that time we will recognize the many who have kept this Association going over the years. We will elect officers for the next triennium and select the site for the next Reunion. If you want to hold the Reunion in your area in 1996, now is the time to get your plan together so it can be considered in Lewiston. The current Reunion committee can help you immensely in planning, and the Secretary does the mailings!

We always have fun honoring those with special achievements and attainments as well. If you haven't participated in this before, you should know you are in for a good time.

SUNDAY WRAP-UP

For those who can stay over Sunday morning, we will join in Mass as a group and have a continental breakfast at which we can say our farewells before starting out on our journeys home.

IT ALL STARTS FRIDAY EVENING

For those arriving Friday evening, the Reunion hall will be open from about

3:00 PM on. You can register at that time, and mingle with those others who are coming in that evening. The Friday evening event is not a formal part of the Reunion, but has proven to be fun in the past. Various family members have had slide shows for us to watch Friday evening, and we have a special place all ready for that activity as well.

WHERE WILL IT BE?

All the Reunion activities will be held at the Function Facility in Lewiston, Maine. This is located at the old Lewiston Raceway grounds, which used to be the Lewiston Fairgrounds before that. The new Function Facility is a beautiful place with a very spacious and gracious banquet hall upstairs. Elevators are available.

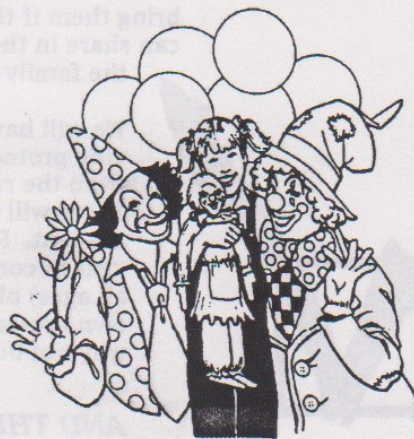
The picnic on Saturday will be outside in a grassy area which used to be the racetrack infield.

The Function Facility also has a large bowling alley, game room, and a full-swing indoor golf facility! An excellent restaurant is located there - Jun-

gle Jim's - making the whole place a full recreation center you would want to visit even if the Reunion were not being held there!

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

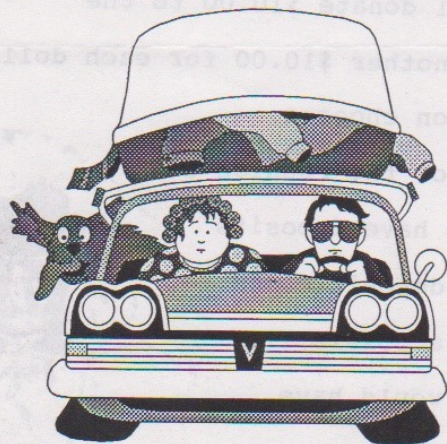
Our Saturday picnic will feature Randy Judkins from Scarborough, Maine. We don't have his program fixed yet, but he always puts on a good show. He is an actor and a visual and character comedian, as well as a unicyclist, juggler, mime, and magician.



Randy has been doing shows since 1975, and does over 150 performances each year. He has won many awards for his work and has taught at Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey's Clown College. He has appeared at many conventions such as for Woman's Day Magazine at the Food Marketing Institute's annual Chicago conventions in 1987, 89, and 90.

Randy will bring a special delight to kids and adults, one and all.

Our banquet will also have a dance following all the activities, and we will have a live band. The band's name is Cheyenne, and before you accuse me of bringing it from Wyoming I will assure you it is a good, down-home, Maine band. Cheyenne comes well-recommended, and they will play a wide variety of music for our dancing and listening enjoyment.



WHERE TO STAY

A list is enclosed that shows the motels and hotels in the Lewiston-Auburn area. The list is ordered by increasing distance from the Function Facility, but nothing listed is more than about seven miles away. We have secured a block of rooms at a special rate at the Coastline Inn in Auburn, and they will hold these at those rates until July 6th.

We recommend that you make your reservations early to avoid the last-minute rush. The annual Franco Festival is being held the same weekend in Lewiston, so rooms may become scarce if you wait too late.

HOW TO GET THERE

Lewiston is on I-495, the Maine Turnpike. Take Exit 13 for Lewiston, then follow route signs for US 202 toward Augusta. The Function Facility is on Main Street, which is US 202 in Lewiston. You can also take Exit 12 for Auburn, then go north and follow signs for US 202. Coming in from the north through Augusta, you can take US 202 toward Lewiston.

SPECIAL ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE REUNION

We plan to have concessionaires there who will offer tee-shirts and hats with the Violette Family Association emblazoned on them, as well as the normal items including Violette Roots bumper stickers, Violette pins, and Rita Lippé's book and Maurice Violette's booklet.

A special item available by special order is a 16-inch tall doll named Violette. See the listing on the back from Marlene's Specialty Shoppe in Lewiston. Marlene is an Association member, and is making us a special offer on this doll with the unusual name (well, it *would* be to most other people!). Please note the end of June date for deposits for this special doll. Also, please deal directly with Marlene for this, not through the Association.

Marlene's

Specialty Shop

13 Westminster St.
Maine Awards Building
Lewiston, ME 04240
Tel. 783-2031



VIOLETTE DOLL

When I was going through my doll catalogs I found a doll with the name Violette. It is unusual to see a doll that her name is spelled like our name.

I thought this doll would make a nice memento of the Violette reunion.

Her price is \$120.00. I would sell her for \$110.00 with a doll stand. Every doll sold I will donate \$10.00 to the Violette Family Association. Also another \$10.00 for each doll sold to a charity that the Association chooses.

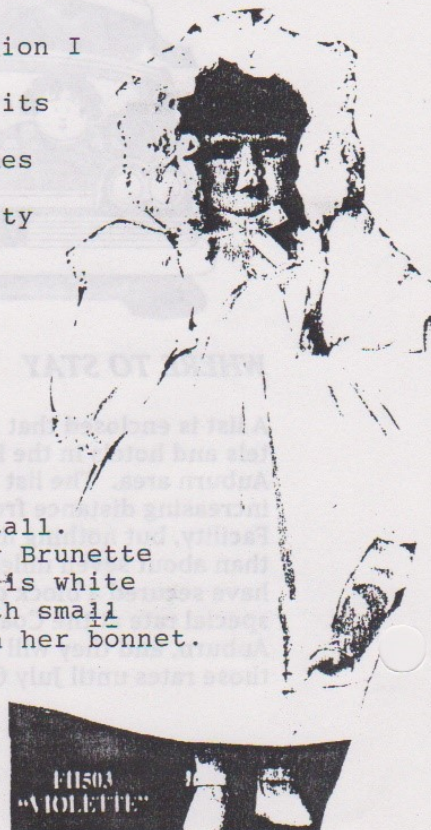
To be able to have the dolls for the reunion I would need a \$50.00 deposit. Please have deposits in before the end of June. As each deposit comes in I will order the doll. There is a possibility that these dolls could sell out and would have to be reordered, that could mean a delay.

Doll & Bear Hugs,

Marlene

Violette is 16" tall.
Green eyes, Sandy Brunette
hair. Her dress is white
cotton eyelet with small
violet flowers in her bonnet.

Please make checks payable to
Marlene's Specialty Shop



VIOLETTE FAMILY REUNION

AUGUST 6, 7, 8, 1993

LEWISTON, MAINE

PREREGISTRATION

**PLEASE SEND REGISTRATION FORM RIGHT AWAY, EVEN IF
PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE AT THE REUNION. WE NEED TO
KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING.**

Use one form only for people with the same mailing address. Make
copies for others as needed.

Check
appropriate
boxes below if
person will be
attending event

Name of person	Member number	First name or nickname to show on badge	Age (if under 18)	Picnic \$15.00	Banquet \$30.00	Sunday b'fast \$3.50	Amount paid for this person with preregistration

Total amount paid with preregistration

REUNION EVENT	WHEN	WHERE
Registration, check-in	Friday, 4:00 pm -	Function Facility, second floor
Whazoo family picnic	Saturday, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	Function Facility, outside on grounds
Super family banquet	Saturday, 7:00 pm -	Function Facility Banquet Room, upstairs
Family Mass, continental breakfast	Sunday morning, (time and place to be announced)	

**Send preregistrations to
and make checks payable to:**

Violette Family Association
1804 Elk Street, #179
Rock Springs WY 82901

Contact person:

David A. Violette
Secretary and Reunion Chairman
Phone 307+362-2322

Lodging arrangements:

See list enclosed for area motels/hotels
Please make your own lodging arrangements

**Use form on reverse side
for donations of items for
doorprize or for other
contributions to the
Reunion.**

VIOLETTE FAMILY REUNION AUGUST 6, 7, 8, 1993 LEWISTON, MAINE PREREGISTRATION

Item(s) to be donated for doorprize	Number of items	Name of person making donation

Use reverse side to
register for picnic,
banquet, and continental
breakfast

Please describe any other donation or sharing you wish to make at the Reunion

The Committee will need some help with loaned cooking grills and donated fuel and with loaned game equipment for the picnic. Please let us know if you can bring any of the items listed below. We will contact you if we need your help.

Item	Can you loan?	Your name	Your phone number (include area code if not ME)
Cooking grill			
Volleyball and net			
Horseshoe set			
Sacks for sack race			
Bands for three-legged race			
Spoons for egg race			

LODGING (in increasing order of relative distance from Function Facility, 729 Main Street, Lewiston, the Reunion center)

- **Maine Motel and Cabins, 1101 Main Street, Lewiston ME 04240**
207+784-7925, 800+287-7925
Cabins.....\$34.00
Motel.....\$45.00
2 bedrooms, cabin or motel.....\$45-\$50

- **Coastline Inn of Auburn, 180 Center Street, Auburn ME 04210**
207+784-1331
Rooms.....\$44.95 single, double

We have a block of 62 double rooms held at the Coastline Inn available for the Reunion, but you must make reservations BEFORE 6 JULY. We have not made the reservations - you must make them yourself.

You may reach Dave Violette (Secretary and Reunion Chairman) and Elaine at the Coastline from Monday, 2 August, on. Room #235.

- **Super 8 Motel of Lewiston, 1440 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240**
207+784-8882, 800+848-8888
Rooms\$48.49
- **Motel 6, I-495 @ Exit 13, Lewiston**
207+782-6558
Rooms\$33.99 single, \$39.99 double
- **Chalet Motel, 1243 Lisbon Street, Lewiston ME 04240**
207+784-0600
2 persons/2 beds\$44.93
- **Ramada Inn, 490 Pleasant Street, Lewiston ME 04240**
207+784-2331
Rooms\$69.00 single, \$84.00 double
Weekend rate.....\$59.00 single/double
- **Redwood Motel, 1968 Lisbon Road, Lewiston ME 04240**
207+784-5476
Rooms\$36.95 single/double
- **Dormer Motel, 135 Lisbon Road, Lisbon ME**
207+353-4184
Rooms\$30.00 single, \$37.00 double

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- Sunset Motor Inn, 571 Washington Street, Auburn ME 04210
207+783-0532
Rooms\$45.00 single, \$5 each extra, \$10 cot
- Pineland Motel, 711 Washington Street, Auburn ME 04210
207+783-2044
Rooms\$29.96 single, \$34.44 double
- Motel Bel-Aire, 971 Washington Street, Auburn ME 04210
207+783-1488
Rooms\$28.00 single, \$4.00 each extra, kids free
- Quality Inn, I-495 @ Exit 12, Auburn ME
207+783-1454, 800+325-2525
Rooms\$78.00 double
- Sleepy Time Motel, I-495 @ Exit 12, Auburn ME
207+783-1435
Rooms\$46.00 single, \$55.00 double
Rooms have kitchens, microwave, etc. 2 double beds per room.

**VIOLETTE FAMILY ASSOCIATION
MEMBER DATA FORM**

NAME (first, middle, last)	BIRTHPLACE	BIRTHDATE	Member #
			* Gen #
Self			
Spouse (maiden name if female)			
Father			
Mother (maiden name)			
Child			
Child			
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Maiden name (if female)	Title (Mr, Mrs, etc)	Date married (if applicable)
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Nickname (if any)	Spouse's nickname (if any)	Spouse's title
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Street address

Mailing address (if different from street address, eg: PO Box number)

City, state/province, ZIP/Code, Country

Home phone ()	Work phone ()
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Donation enclosed \$ Make checks payable to Violette Family Association	Date form was filled
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This is ☐ New ☐ Changed information (check which).

Mail form to:
Violette Family Association
1804 Elk Street #179
Rock Springs WY 82901

Call with updates:
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Or fax:
307+362-2649

Use the back for additional
information.

* Reference number in the book
"The Descendants of François
Violet", by Rita Lippé, 1984